

Students of the two-year Master's program in Forensic Psychology (FP) of the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience (FPN), Maastricht University (UM), are required to do a research internship and a clinical internship in the second year of their studies. The research internship involves planning, conducting and analysing the results of a research project. It ultimately results in an individually written Master's thesis. In addition to the research internship, students are required to do a **clinical internship of 520 hours (13 weeks fulltime or spread over approximately 4-5 months)**, possibly combined with the research internship, adding up to a total internship period of roughly 10-12 months. Many FP students combine their two internships in one institutional setting.

During their clinical internship, students are involved in a diversity of clinical activities, including **assessment, treatment, and/or forensic report writing**.

At the start of the clinical internship, every student needs to formulate individual **learning goals**. These learning goals are formulated together with the external clinical supervisor and later on discussed with and approved by the UM supervisor. The clinical internship ends with a written **clinical activities report (CAR)**. More detailed information can be found below and via: <https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/clinical-internship>

! Make sure to also check the Examination and Education Regulation (EER): <https://www.askpsy.nl/regulations>

Information on the Clinical Internship

Place in curriculum	2nd year; Period: between August/September and July/August of the subsequent year.
Goals	<p>The aims of the clinical internship are twofold:</p> <p>First, the internship is meant to provide students with clinical experience in performing the forensic psychological skills and using the knowledge they obtained during their first year.</p> <p>Second, the internship provides an introduction to the organization and practice of forensic mental health care. For students who intend to pursue post-master professional training as a health care psychologist, psychotherapist, or clinical (neuro)psychologist, participation in these clinical internship activities is a necessary prerequisite for admission to these postmaster programs.</p>

Admission criteria	Successful completion of the first year courses, in other words <i>all</i> 60 credits of year 1 have to be obtained.
Placement criteria	A clinical setting in which forensic psychological skills can be practiced. Examples of such settings are: inpatient/outpatient forensic mental health centers, addiction clinics, juvenile justice settings, child protection services, victim treatment centers, and prisons.
Duration of Internship	Around 4-5 months
Credits/ECTS	<p>20 ECTS for the clinical internship. Sixteen credits are given for the clinical internship (practical part) and 4 credits are given for the Clinical Activities Report (CAR).</p> <p>A clinical internship lasts 13 weeks fulltime (520 hours) of the total internship period. For the optional Psychodiagnostics Registration (BAPD), make sure to include a minimum of 200 hours diagnostics.</p>
Supervision and/or intervention UM	https://www.askpsy.nl/regulations
Individual supervision and/or group supervision during clinical placement	<p>Specific responsibilities of the external clinical supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarizes the student with the host organization; • Provides advice, help and at least 1 hr of individual supervision per week; • Plans the clinical activities together with the student; • Grades the clinical activities at the end of the internship on the form that the student provides (clinical internship evaluation form); • Sends the completed clinical internship evaluation form to the UM clinical supervisor at the end of the internship. <p>Specific responsibilities of the UM clinical supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stays in touch with the student during the clinical internship; • Grades the Clinical Activities Report and provides a final grade for the practical aspects of the internship on the basis of the evaluation form provided by the external clinical supervisor (see above).

Responsibilities student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complies with the guidelines described in the Handbook Writing Skills, when writing the CAR; • Formulates learning goals at the start of the clinical internship: What you will learn during the clinical internship depends on your own learning goals as well as the opportunities available at a given institution. These goals, and the activities that you will perform in order to achieve them, should be briefly outlined in your contract with the institution. Learning goals should be approved by your clinical UM supervisor; • Keeps track of and communicates the time lines for assessment of the CAR and clinical evaluation with supervisors.
Contracts	<p>The FPN Educational Office is responsible for preparing the contracts, based on the information provided in your digital application form. The Educational Office will ask the Exam Administration office to confirm that you have met all course requirements to start your internship.</p> <p>The student and the external clinical supervisor must sign the internship contract and return it to the FPN Education Office at least <i>4 weeks</i> before the starting date of the internship. The contract is not valid until signed by the FP internship coordinator, Dr. Linsey Raymaekers.</p>
Insurance	<p>The host institution where you conduct your clinical internship is responsible for arranging liability insurance for you. As you will work under supervision and are not yet a licensed professional, there is no professional liability insurance needed.</p> <p>In the event your host institution failed to arrange the necessary insurance and something unforeseen happens, UM provides back-up liability insurance. The department of Treasury of UM (contact persons: mr. S. Groenveld and Ms. M. van Reij) will have a mediating role.</p> <p>Please note that it is your own responsibility to arrange a liability insurance for the time you spend outside your clinical internship (private / off work). When you go abroad, check if your insurance policy covers you abroad as well. Needless to say, you need to take care of your own health care insurance as well.</p>
Evaluation internship	<p>After completion, the clinical evaluation form should be sent to the UM clinical internship supervisor by the external supervisor. The UM supervisor will grade the internship based on this evaluation form and the CAR.</p>

<p>BAPD</p>	<p>The certification of basic proficiency in assessment (“Basisaantekening psychodiagnostiek” or “BAPD”) is issued by the Netherlands Institute of Psychology (Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen; NIP). It is a necessary (but not sufficient) prerequisite for entry into post-academic professional training programs in the Netherlands. It is also important for obtaining clinical positions in mental health, as institutions often will only hire psychologists that possess this certificate. For details, see:</p> <p>http://www.psynip.nl https://www.psynip.nl/registraties/basisaantekening-psychodiagnostiek-bapd/eisen-bapd/ https://www.psynip.nl/registraties/basisaantekening-psychodiagnostiek-bapd/</p> <p>Dr. Ieke Winkens is the contact person for issues concerning the BAPD. She knows who at FPN is certified to grade the three case reports and determine whether it meets the NIP requirements and she will bring you into contact with one of these people. Please consult Ieke for BAPD supervision before the start of your internship. Her contact information can be found here: https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/nl/i.winkens</p> <p><i>Health Care Program certificate (GZ-Verklaring)</i> Dr. Franc Donkers (043 3885260, franc.donkers@maastrichtuniversity.nl) is the chair of the Exam Committee (EC) responsible for the Master’s programs. The EC is responsible for evaluating whether Health Care Program certification (in Dutch: GZ-Verklaring) admission requirements have been met. If this applies, the student will receive the Health Care Program certificate together with the Master’s diploma.</p>
<p>Contact persons clinical internship</p>	<p>Dr. Linsey Raymaekers, linsey.raymaekers@maastrichtuniversity.nl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • placement of FP students and internship-related issues/questions <p>Prof.dr. Corine de Ruiter, Corine.deRuiter@maastrichtuniversity.nl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • questions about specific institutions abroad (provided in the Internship List) and questions about internships not listed (self-sought)
<p>! Forms</p>	<p>https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/documents-and-forms</p>